

SAMUEL GORDON.



RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 25 April 1842;—for,

COPIES of LETTER, dated the 8th day of February 1841, addressed by J. Corry Connellan, Esquire, Secretary to Lord Plunkett, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, to Samuel Gordon, Esquire, Four Courts Marshalsea, Dublin;—Of the Two MEMORIALS or PETITIONS referred to in the above-mentioned Letter of the 8th day of February 1841;—Of PETITION from Samuel Gordon to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, lodged in his Secretary's Office the 11th day of February 1841, with the Orders made on the said Petition;—Of a PETITION, dated the 15th day of February 1841, now lying in the Office of the Registrar of the Court of Chancery in Ireland, with a special Return, stating whether the said Petition was signed by Samuel Gordon (whose Signature it professes to bear) or not;—And of all Papers and Documents, including the Attachment and the Orders, in form, for the execution of it, issued by the Court of Chancery of Ireland against Samuel Gordon in 1841..

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 24 June 1842.

NO letter, or copy of a letter, of the 8th February 1841, addressed by J. Corry Connellan, esq. Secretary to Lord Plunkett, late Lord Chancellor of Ireland, to Samuel Gordon, esq., Four Courts Marshalsea, Dublin, nor any letter from any person to Mr. Gordon, nor any copy of such letter, is in the Secretary's office.

No memorials or petitions whatever, relating to Samuel Gordon, esq. are in the Secretary's office.

Two copies are sent of the petition of the 15th day of February 1841. But the Secretary of the Lord Chancellor has no official means of ascertaining whether the said petition was signed by Samuel Gordon or not.

Two copies certificate of Thomas Gould, esq. as to the misconduct of Mr. Samuel Gordon in his office, dated 9th of November 1840.

Two copies of the order, on the certificate of Thomas Gould, esq. dated 10th November 1840.

Two copies of the order committing Mr. Gordon to custody, dated 14th November 1840.

Two copies of the order on the petition of the 15th of February 1841, dated 15th February 1841.

Two copies of the attachment against Mr. Samuel Gordon.

The Secretary to the Lord Chancellor is not aware that there are any other papers relating to this matter, except certain papers in the possession of Mr. Connellan, who has furnished the enclosed copy of two letters, with remarks.

(signed) Henry Sadler,
Secretary to the Lord Chancellor.

14 May 1842.

No. 1.

Sir,

Secretary's Office, Court of Chancery,

8 February 1841.

In reply to two Memorials transmitted by you, I am directed by the Lord Chancellor to apprise you that he cannot entertain a private communication in reference to the process of the court, but that if you desire to make any application, it will be necessary to present a formal petition in this office, by the hands of your solicitor.

I have further to acquaint you that his Lordship considers your appearing as a juror in the Queen's Bench, while an attachment, issued from this court, was pending against you, to be a considerable aggravation of your former presumptuous misconduct.

I am, &c.

Mr. S. Gordon.

(signed) *J. Corry Connellan*,
Secretary to the Lord Chancellor.

The memorials referred to in the letter marked No. 1, are not in Mr. Connellan's possession, nor does he now recollect how they were disposed of, as they never were taken into consideration, for the reason above stated, namely, that they were a "private communication in reference to the public process of the court." They were probably immediately transmitted with the above letter to Mr. Gordon, or handed to the person who appeared on his behalf. No application for them was made by Mr. Gordon in his reply (letter marked No. 2), or at any subsequent period during Mr. Connellan's tenure, a period of seven months; and even had they remained in his custody, Mr. Connellan, on his quitting office in the month of September, would have felt himself justified in destroying, among other useless papers, documents which had never been reclaimed, which it was competent for Mr. Gordon, at the time of his application, to have embodied in the formal petition presented by his solicitor, in obedience to the direction of Lord Chancellor Plunkett, and the object of which (the discharge of Mr. Gordon) had been carried into effect several months previously.

No. 2.

Sir,

Four Courts Marshalsea, 11 February 1841.

I FEEL much obliged for the condescension of the Lord Chancellor in directing the communication of the 8th instant, with which you have favoured me.

I beg that you will do me the honour, if you see fit, to represent to his Lordship that I never conceived that going to the courts while the attachment issued against me was pending, would be an aggravation of the contempt, for in truth I was under the impression that the attachment was laid aside; but in order to show that I did not contemplate any disrespect, I declined swearing an affidavit in reference to the time and circumstances of my arrest, as a juror.

I am, &c.

J. Corry Connellan, Esq.
Secretary to the Lord Chancellor.

(signed) *Samuel Gordon*.

No order appears to have been made upon the petition presented on the 11th of February 1841. It is to be presumed, therefore, that it was withdrawn in consequence of some defect or informality, as no notice is taken of it in the second petition presented on the 15th of February, four days subsequently, in Mr. Gordon's behalf, by Mr. Eccles, a solicitor of the court, upon which petition the order for discharging the attachment was obtained.

The solicitor employed by Mr. Gordon to present the petition lodged in the Secretary's office on the 11th of February, can furnish the necessary information with reference to that document.

RESPECTING SAMUEL GORDON, ESQ.

TO the Right Honourable Lord Plunkett, Lord High Chancellor of Ireland.

The humble Petition of *Samuel Gordon*, a Prisoner in the Four Courts Marshalsea,
under your Lordship's Order,

Humbly sheweth,

THAT your petitioner is likely to suffer in his health from longer confinement, and that his very limited means will not enable him to meet the growing expenses attendant thereon.

That he begs leave again to express his deep regret for his past misconduct, and prays that your Lordship will be pleased to order his discharge from confinement.

And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

Samuel Gordon.

The 15th February 1841.

Wm. Eccles, Solicitor.

LET the petitioner, *Samuel Gordon*, be discharged from the custody of the marshal of the Marshalsea of the Four Courts, upon payment of the fees of the pursuivant of this court.

PLUNKETT, C.

Robert Long, A.R.

Lord Chancellor.

The 15th February 1841.

IN the Matter of *Samuel Gordon*, a Prisoner, confined in the Four Courts Marshalsea, *Dublin*

WHEREAS *Samuel Gordon* did this day prefer his petition unto the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of Ireland, setting forth as therein is set forth, and praying that his Lordship might be pleased to order his discharge from confinement; whereupon, and upon reading the said petition, his Lordship doth order that the petitioner, *Samuel Gordon*, be discharged from the custody of the marshal of the Marshalsea of the Four Courts, upon payment of the fees of the pursuivant of this court.

Robert Long, A.R.

My Lord,

9 November 1840.

I beg to certify to your Lordship as follows: In the matter of *Boyd*, a lunatic, having issued a summons to proceed as to receiving a charge by *Lady Boyd*, the sister of the lunatic, I was attended by four solicitors, viz. the solicitor for the presumptive heir, the solicitor for *Lady Boyd*, the solicitor for *Mrs. Keates*, another sister of the lunatic, and by the solicitor for *Mr. Keates* appearing separate and apart from his wife. Having heard the matter discussed, I decided on receiving the charge, upon which a person named *Samuel Gordon*, in a manner far from respectful, said that I was heaping unnecessary costs upon the parties. I stated that I would not hear him unless the solicitor for the heir presumptive abdicated his position, and if he did that I would then hear him. The matter ended, and this man left the office, muttering something I did not hear. On Friday, the 6th instant, having issued a summons to settle my report, and being attended by the four solicitors, I observed this man in the back row of the bench, immediately opposite to me, standing with his back to the court. I at first took no notice of it; but finding it persevered in, I mentioned that there was a person standing with his back to the court, and that I considered it not respectful, and that if persevered in, I should desire him to leave the office; on which he said that the office was a public office, that he would come in as often as he liked. I then stated, his manner was altogether so disrespectful that I should represent it to the Chancellor; on which he said he would bear no impertinence from me, and added, that he would publish my conduct; and in a manner not to be mistaken, said the following words, "You showed partiality to a solicitor, in order to procure business for your son."

I submit respectfully to your Lordship, as my certificate.

Robert Long, A.R.

Thomas Gould.

The 10th November 1840.

THE Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor of Ireland having a certificate laid before him by Thomas Gould, esq. one of the Masters of this court, in reference to the conduct of Samuel Gordon on two several occasions of attendances before the said Master on proceedings in the matter of Boyd, a lunatic, his Lordship, upon taking the said matter into consideration this day, and deeming the conduct of the said Samuel Gordon, and the expressions used by him scandalous with respect to the said Master, and a contempt of this court, doth think fit, and so order, that the said Samuel Gordon, having personal notice hereof, do show cause unto this court, on Saturday the 14th day of November instant, why he should not stand committed to the Marshalsea Prison of the Four Courts for his said contempt, and that he do then personally attend this court; and his Lordship doth order that the said Samuel Gordon, at the time of the service on him of this order, be furnished with a copy of the said certificate complaining of his conduct.

Robert Long, A. R.

Lord Chancellor.

The 14th November 1840.

WHEREAS by an order, bearing date the 10th November 1840, it was ordered that Samuel Gordon, having personal notice thereof, should show cause unto this court, on Saturday the 14th day of November instant, why he should not stand committed to the Marshalsea Prison of the Four Courts for his contempt in said order mentioned, and that he should then personally attend this court; and that said Samuel Gordon, at the time of the service on him of said order, should be furnished with a copy of the certificate in said order mentioned, complaining of his conduct, which said order and certificate were personally served on the said Samuel Gordon on the 11th day of November instant, as appeared by the certificate of Mr. John Flood, the clerk in the Appearance Office of this court; and no cause having been shown by the said Samuel Gordon, and the said Samuel Gordon being called in open court, and making default in attending this court, as directed by the said order of 10th November instant, it is this day ordered by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor, that the said Samuel Gordon do stand committed to close custody of the marshal of the Marshalsea of the Four Courts for his said contempt, and that an attachment do issue against him accordingly, directed to the pursuivant of this court.

Robert Long, A. R.

CHANCERY.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, To the Pursuivant of Our Court of Chancery, greeting: We command you that pursuant to an Order of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, bearing date the 14th day of November 1840, you attach Samuel Gordon, so that you may have him before us in our said Court of Chancery on the 8th day of May next, to answer as well touching a contempt committed against us, as such matters as shall be then and there objected against him; and we further command you that you keep him in close custody; and herein fail not under the penalty of 100 *l.* Witness our Lieutenant-general and General Governor of that part of our United Kingdom called Ireland, at Dublin the 6th day of February, in the fourth year of our reign.

Velverton Dawson. (SEAL.)

(A true Copy of the Original Attachment.)

Which I attest,

John Hynez, Pursr.

The above-named Samuel Gordon was arrested on my warrant, directed to James Kilkeny, dated 6th February 1841, and was committed by me to the custody of the marshal of the Four Courts Marshalsea on the same day.

John Hynez, Pursr.

SAMUEL GORDON.

COPY of Letter, dated the 31st day of February
1841, addressed by J. Georg Cresswell, Esq.,
Secretary to Lord Plunket, 30th Lord Chancellor
of Ireland, to Samuel Gordon, Esq., &c.

(Mr. Thomas Danvers.)

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